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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Sanjay Anand et al. Serial No.: 09/726,082) Art Unit 2131 Filed: November 29, 2000 Confirmation No.: 9647 For: METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OFFLOADING PROCESSING TASKS FROM SOFTWARE TO HARDWARE Unassigned Examiner: RÉCEIVED MAY 2 4 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Technology Center 2100

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 22-42:

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